

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
February 6, 2023
6:00 P.M.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 6th of February 2023, the New Plymouth City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Rick York.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Cora Kurth.

Roll call was taken with council members Heather Airoidi, Cora Kurth, Eileen Balcer, Bill Warnke and Mayor York present.

Staff members in attendance were City Clerk Danielle Painter, Deputy Clerk Marianne Gatchell, Public Works Superintendent Beau Ziemer, City Engineer Andy Gehrke, and City Attorney Dan Chadwick.

January 17, 2023, City Council Minutes- Action Item

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to approve the minutes from January 17, 2023. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claim Approvals- Action Item

Councilwoman Kurth made a motion to approve the claim approvals totalling \$78,369.25. Councilwoman Airoidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Hearing Zone Change from Industrial to Commercial- First Baptist Church

Open Public Hearing 6:02 p.m.

Applicant Pastor Phil Pittman 4919 NW1st Ave NP. Pastor Phil Pittman said that First Baptist Church purchased the property that the Burger Den is on in December of 2022. The current building will most likely be used as a youth center. Plans the rest of the property are to build a new building for the church, and additional building as needed in the future.

Public Testimony

FOR:

Dale Williamson 510 E Idaho St NP

Dan Cooke 4670 SE 1st Ave NP

David Sotutu representing NP Kiwanis Club 211 E Garrett St NP

AGAINST: None

NEUTRAL: None

Closing testimony.

Close Public Hearing 6:07 p.m.

New Business-

- a. Zone Change from Industrial to Commercial- First Baptist Church (Action Item)

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to approve the zone change from Industrial to Commercial for the First Baptist Church. Councilwoman Airoidi seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilwoman Arioldi, yes. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilman Warnke, yes. 4 yeses. Motion carried.

- b. P&Z Vacant Seat (Action Item)

Councilman Warnke made a motion to appoint Tyanna Darmody to the P&Z Commission.

Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- c. DEQ ARPA Grant Agreement (Action Item) City Engineer Andy Gehrke explained that this is the standard agreement for pond 4 totalling \$498,739.00. He recommends approval.

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to approve the DEQ ARPA Grant Agreement upon approval from city attorney Dan Chadwick. Councilwoman Airoidi seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. Councilwoman Airoidi, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilman Warnke, yes. 4 yeses. Motion carried.

- d. Apps on city phones (Action Item)

Councilwoman Balcer would like the city to take a look at the personal policy regarding city paid cell phones. The policy needs to address what can and what can not be added to city paid cell phones. Mayor York would like us to see what the county has in their policies regarding cell phone apps.

Councilman Warnke made a motion to table this item until further information is available. Councilwoman Airoidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- e. City Hall Reader Board Proposals (Action Item)

Councilwoman Balcer met with two sign companies to discuss and get bids on the city hall reader board. Both companies have done work in New Plymouth. YESCO did the VFW sign, and Superior Signs did the school & Assembly of God sign. YESCO bid came in at \$55,000.00 and Superior came in at \$17,500.00. Both companies have agreed to come to a city council meeting and give a presentation.

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to table this item until the March 6th meeting. Councilwoman Airoidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- f. Sign Ordinance (Action Item)

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to table the sign ordinance. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Department Reports

- a. December Financials- No Discussion

b. Engineering Report- Councilwoman Balcer asked about the roof, do we need to look into replacing the roof in the front of the building since the back has already been done. Andy can put together a cost projection.

Mayor & Council Comments

Mayor York said that the council and city clerk Danielle Painter attended the library board meeting. He was impressed with the presentation of city financials given by Danielle. Beau Ziemer said a patch company has been hired to start some patch work throughout the city, which will begin soon.

Adjournment

Councilman Warnke moved to adjourn the council meeting. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

Rick York, Mayor

Danielle Painter, City Clerk